



# Funding Update on State PACE/PDR Programs

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# Which States Have Funded PACE/PDR Programs?

- As of June 2006, 27 states have state-level programs (21 have funding and/or easements)
- Programs included must have protection of agricultural lands as a core principle
- Have protected almost 1.5 million acres, spending \$2 billion in state funds (and leveraged \$1 billion from other sources)

# Which Localities Have Funded PACE/PDR Programs?

- As of June 2006, 55 independently funded, local programs in 18 states
- This includes seven counties in Virginia, which have protected almost 16,000 acres and spent ~\$29 million since 1995
- Combined, this is an additional 273,000 acres and \$764 million



# **How Do Other States Do It?**

## **Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware**

- Where does their funding come from?
- How much money do they have this year?
- How do they distribute funds to counties?



# Maryland

Where does their funding come from?

- Primarily from percentage of real estate transfer tax
- Agricultural transfer tax
- Bond funds
- Appropriations
- Federal Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP)





# Maryland

How much money do they have this year?

- MALPF FY 2007 = \$89.5 million
  - Share of POS Fund (17.05 percent) = \$61.5 million (\$361 million total for POS)
  - Agricultural transfer tax ~ \$7 million
  - Additional \$21 million from county matching funds and FRPP
- Rural Legacy FY 2007= \$26 million
  - Share of POS Fund (5 percent) = \$18 million
  - Additional POS funds= \$8 million



# Maryland

How do they distribute funds to counties?

- MALPF
  - 50 percent split equally among the 23 counties
  - Remaining 50 percent used for matching (60 percent state/40 percent local up to \$2 million per county)
- Rural Legacy
  - Funds only allocated to approved Rural Legacy areas (30 areas) based on history of acquiring easements



# Pennsylvania

## Where does their funding come from?

- 1987- \$100 million bond for farmland preservation
- 1991- Cigarette tax (~ \$20 million per year)
- 1999- \$43 million in appropriations
- 1999- Growing Greener
  - \$646 million over 5 years (\$100 million farmland preservation)
- 2005- Growing Greener II
  - \$625 million bond over 6 years (\$80 million farmland preservation)
  - 14.5 percent of Environmental Stewardship Fund





# Pennsylvania

How much money do they have this year?

- Threshold for 2006 = \$102 million
  - Growing Greener II = \$65 million
  - Cigarette tax = \$20.5 million
  - Environmental Stewardship Fund = \$9.3 million
  - FRPP= \$3.2 million
  - 2005 interest on securities= \$1.3 million
  - Unencumbered prior year funds = \$1.3 million
  - Other = \$1.4 million



# Pennsylvania

How do they distribute funds to counties?

- 50 percent of threshold distributed based on real estate activity (state grant funds)
- 50 percent of threshold distributed based on county matching funds and agricultural productivity (state matching funds)



# Delaware

Where does their funding come from?

- Appropriations (\$60 million primarily from lawsuit with NY)
- State transfer tax (\$10 million per year starting in 2005)
- FRPP
- Transportation funding
- Farmland preservation license plates



# Delaware

How much money do they have this year?

- ALPP has \$13.6 million available for 2006
  - \$10 million from state transfer tax
  - \$3.6 million from FRPP



# Delaware

How do they distribute funds to counties?

- Based solely on landowner discount



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